

Minutes - Board Meeting – 05/04/2011

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola held Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at Village Hall, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, New York 11501.

PRESENT: Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney John M. Spellman
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly
Village Treasurer Giacomo A. Ciccone
Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini
Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen

Press Observer: Rich Forestano, *Mineola American*
Geoffrey Walter, *Patch .com*
Rich Tedesco *Williston Times*

Sunshine Observers: 14 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Work Session to order at 6:45 PM.

Resolution No. 93-11

Resolved to approve bills and payroll.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 94-11

Resolved to approve the minutes from the meetings of the Board of Trustees of April 4, 2011, April 6, 2011, April 11, 2011, April 13, 2011, and April 20, 2011, as amended.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No 95-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Knights of Columbus for the use of the Wilson Park picnic area for their annual picnic on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Motioned by Trustee George R. Durham
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 96-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Kiwanis Club of County Seat to close Beebe Road from Jackson Avenue to Jericho Turnpike, Sunday, May 15, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM for their 3rd Annual Bicycle Safety Day subject to the following conditions: the closure is to be limited to the commercial area south of Jericho Turnpike to the adjacent village parking lot which will be closed and made available for the event, and that advance notice be given by the host committee to adjoining residents of Beebe Road.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 97-11

Resolved to approve a request from the Mineola Library Board to rename the Mineola Library Community Room in memory of former Library Board member Ann Hurley.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 98-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Middle School for use of the Mineola Memorial Park gazebo and surrounding area on Wednesday June 8, 2010 and Thursday June 9, 2011 from 8:00 AM – 2:41 PM to conduct their annual “Shakespeare in the Park” performance.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 99-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Alheirens Cultural Center to close the one-way entrance on Willis Avenue to Field #2 and to close parking spaces #46-52 on Sunday May 29, 2011 from 8 AM – 9 PM for their annual picnic.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 100-11

Resolved to approve a request of Corpus Christi Church to use village streets for a Devotional Procession on Friday May 13, 2010 from approximately 8:45 PM – 10:00 PM utilizing the following route:

Garfield Avenue East to Willis Avenue
South to Second Street
North on Willis Avenue to Garfield Avenue
West to Corpus Christi Church

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

Yes **No** **Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

Resolution No. 101-11

Resolved to approve the request of the Mineola Chamber of Commerce to conduct their Street Fair on September 25, 2011 (Raindate: October 2, 2011), in the expanded area to include Mineola Blvd from Harrison Avenue to 2nd Street as presented to the Board at the April 6, 2011 meeting.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

Yes **No** **Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

Resolution No. 102-11

Resolved to approve a request by the Mineola Fire Department for a budget transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the following lines:

From:	(FIRE PREVENTION)	\$1,000.00
To :	(COMPUTERS)	\$1,000.00
From:	(FIRE PREVENTION)	\$ 500.00
TO :	(SCOTT MASK)		\$ 500.00

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

Yes **No** **Abstain**

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

Resolution No. 103-11

Resolved to approve the following 2010/2011 Library fund transfers:

**Library Fund
2010 / 2011**

<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
Equipment	30741020001	6,998.22	
Audio & Video Recording	30741020006	1,538.72	
Periodicals	30741020008	1,833.07	
Stationery & Printing	30741040400	493.06	
Supplies - Miscellaneous	30741040618	6,779.38	
Legal Costs	30741043200	250.00	
Repairs - Buildings	30741045507	7,896.66	
Dues & Conferences	30741048000	56.00	
NYS Retirement	30741082800	7,756.00	
Social Security	30741083300	1,057.82	
Books - Adults	30741020003		8,164.19
Books - Children	30741020004		1,040.06
Electronic Databases	30741020009		5,690.98
Reference Books	30741020010		800.40
Computer Services	30741020011		170.00
ALIS - Borrowing Charge	30741040700		1,340.81
Utilities - Electricity	30741041600		7,001.28
Programs	30741043400		744.32
Programs - Children	30741043401		54.94

and conditions for the remainder of the one-year contract extension period ending May 31, 2012.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 108-11

Resolved to authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to attend the Cornell Local Roads Superintendent School June 6, 2011 – June 8, 2011 in Ithaca, New York.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 109-11

Resolved to authorize a public bid for roof repair/replacement at Village Hall and Fire Department facilities.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Superintendent of Public Works Thomas J. Rini presented a departmental report on the status of the tree removals, road repairs and the conditioning of the athletic fields.

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:20 PM

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 110-11

Resolved to approve the list of 2011 proposed seasonal employees and salaries for the pool and recreational programs.

Motioned by Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Seconded by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 111-11

Resolved to approve the hiring of Jessie Ward as Laborer in the Building Maintenance department at a starting salary in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Superintendent of Buildings Daniel B. Whalen presented a monthly department financial report for April 2011.

Resolution No. 112-11

WHEREAS, certain Mineola Volunteer Firefighters, pursuant to the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program, have earned Post-Entitlement Age Service Credit during the 2010 year;

WHEREAS, as stated in the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program Plan Document, these participants are now eligible to be paid an annual \$240.00 lump sum for the rest of their lifetime;

WHEREAS, Penflex, Inc. has provided the names and address of the eligible participants;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Mineola, pursuant to the Incorporated Village of Mineola Service Award Program, authorizes RBC Wealth Management to issue the lump-sum payment of \$240.00 to the following participants:

James Carlson	William O'Connell
Joseph Conlon	Daniel Redmond
Walter Crosby	Louis Santosus, Jr
Arlindo Cunha	Joseph Sellitto, Jr
Paul Cusato	Stephen Stolarik, Sr
Martin Dawber	Joseph Tartaglia
Donald Franz	Lawrence Ueland

William Gresalfi

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee George R. Durham

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Resolution No. 113-11

Resolved to award a 3.8 % salary increase commensurate with the recently ratified employee Collective Bargaining Agreement increase, effective June 1,

2011, to the following Confidential Employees:

Joseph Scalero
Cora T. Kelly
Giacomo Ciccone
Donna Gallo
Thomas Rini
Leonard Palumbo
Marta DeSousa
Anna Athans
Daniel Whalen
Keith Gessner
John Chilcott
Charles Sleaf

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul A. Pereira

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Work Session at 7:45 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Scott P. Strauss		
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther		
Trustee Paul S. Cusato		
Trustee Paul A. Pereira		
Trustee George R. Durham		

Mayor Scott P. Strauss called the Public Meeting to order at 7:50 PM.

PRESENT:

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Attorney John M. Spellman
Village Clerk Joseph R. Scalero
Deputy Village Clerk Cora T. Kelly
Superintendent of Building Daniel B. Whalen

Press Observer:

Rich Forestano, <i>Mineola American</i>
Geoffrey Walter, <i>Patch .com</i>
Rich Tedesco, <i>Williston Times</i>

Sunshine Observers: 21 Observers

Mayor Scott P. Strauss stated that he attended a Mineola Chamber of Commerce meeting where speaker County Executive Ed Mangano reported that the re-organization of the Nassau County Police Department has not yet been completed and as of now decisions regarding precinct closures and/or program changes have not yet been finalized. Any rumors regarding the closure of the 3rd Precinct are at this point speculation. Mayor Strauss announced that the Irish American Society honored Mineola Fire Department Chief Jeff Clark and his wife Maureen as "Couple of the Year" and congratulated them. Mayor Strauss stated that the Work Session scheduled for May 11, 2011 has been cancelled, but the Public Hearing for the same date will be held and that the meeting scheduled for May 18, 2011 would be cancelled in its entirety due to a conflict with "The Night on the Town" event being sponsored by the Mineola Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Strauss reminded everyone of Bicycle Safety Day on May 15, 2011 and encouraged participation. Mayor Strauss wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day and reminded everyone of the Mineola Memorial Day Parade starting at 11:00 AM on May 30, 2011 at Wilson Park and proceeding to Memorial Park.

Trustee Lawrence A. Werther commented on the War on Terror and the courage of our armed forces; stated that there are several locations within our village where red light cameras are either in place or scheduled to be placed; reported that the clock at TD Bank is still not working and suggested withholding the final Certificate of Occupancy until it is working. Trustee Werther encouraged everyone to attend the "Taste of Mineola" fundraiser on May 18, 2011 and wished a happy Mother's Day to all mothers, particularly Gold Star and Blue Star mothers.

Trustee Paul S. Cusato stated that he attended a firematic service on Sunday, May 1, 2011 honoring deceased firefighters from the past year. Trustee Cusato reminded everyone to vote in the school elections and wished a happy Mother's Day to all.

Trustee Paul A. Pereira commented on the historical comparison of Hitler and Bin Laden and stated that with the removal of its leader there is some hope that terrorism will diminish as a weapon. Trustee Pereira reminded everyone that the Boy Scout Troop 45 will be honoring six Eagle Scouts on May 6, 2011 and wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Trustee George R. Durham reported that on April 28, 2011 he and Mayor Scott P. Strauss attended the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM) training sessions for Mayors and Municipal Officials and thanked Trustee Paul S. Cusato for moderating "Meet the Candidates Night" for the school board candidates. Trustee Durham announced Bicycle Safety Day on Sunday May 15, 2011 from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM, reminded everyone of the school budget vote on Tuesday May 17, 2011, and wished all mothers a happy Mother's Day

5 Speakers addressed the Board

Mayor Scott P. Strauss requested a motion to close the Public Meeting at 8:35 PM.

Motioned by Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Seconded by Trustee Paul S. Cusato

Vote:

Yes

No

Abstain

Mayor Scott P. Strauss
Trustee Lawrence A. Werther
Trustee Paul S. Cusato
Trustee Paul A. Pereira
Trustee George R. Durham